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# GENERAL POLITICAL NEWS.

PREPARING FOR THE CAMPAIGN. PURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE STRENGTH OF CAN-DIDATES - GRANT REPORTED TO BE LOSING AND BLAINE GAINING-NEW-YORK AND BROOK-

LYN REPUBLICANS. General Grant is reported to be losing strength in Michigan and in other parts of the West; Senator Blame is said to be gaining in all parts of the country. A special Treasury agent, who travels much about the country, believes that Grant will not get nearly the whole Southern vote at Chicago, and will not have support enough from other quarters to make his nomination sure. Republicans in Brooklyn are settling their differences. In this city several district meetings were held last evening.

A "STRONG MAN" NOT WANTED. DEJECTIONS TO THE ARGUMENTS USED IN FAVOR

OF GENERAL GRANT'S NOMINATION - SENATOR BLAINE'S STRENGTH GROWING IN ALL SECTIONS. Washington, Feb. 13.—The fact that a majority of the Republicans of Michigan favor the nomina tion of Senator Blaine at Chicago rather than that of General Grant, disclosed by the recent newspaper canvass of that State, is no surprise to some of the Republican Representatives of Michigan in Con-

"When I left home," said one of them to-day, "the Grant boom was a very strong one, and seemed to be carrying everything before it; but now I judge, from my correspondence and from what Repub-licans from Michigan who have recently been in this city say, that the Grant sentiment has subsided, and that Mr. Blaine is by far the most popular of the prominent Republican candidates among

"Who is your choice, if that is a fair question?" asked the correspondent of THE TRIBUNE,

"Ob, I can support Grant, or Blaine, or Sherman, or Conkling, or any other good Republican who may be nominated. Fean't say that I really have any candidate. I desire to be so far uncommitted to the fortunes of any one man that I can give the heartiest and most effective support possible to the nominee, whoever he may be. The strongest argument that is put forward in favor of a third term for General Grant, that we need a 'strong man' at the head of affairs, seems to me rather a dangerous one. I am hardly ready to admit that I have so far lost confidence in the stability of our republican institutions and in the good sense and patriotism of our people that we need a 'strong man,' in the sense in which that phrase is used when General Grant is spoken of, to save us from the effects of our own folly. Besides, if that is a good reason now why we should make General Grant President in preference to either of the others who have been named, it will be just as good a reason why he should be elected again four years from now, and at every succeeding election. These are the principal objections I have to General Grant's renomination now."

Advices from other Western States received in Washington within the last few days all have a Blaine tinge. In Illinois the Blaine sentiment is daily gaining strength, and, unless the State Convention is called for an unusually early date, Senator Blaine's friends expect that it will strongly favor his nomination. There is no longer any doubt that the Pacific States and the Territories will send solid Blaine delegations to Chicago.

In the East Senator Blaine's friends think that they are gaining strength. The delegation from Maine will be one of the ablest that has ever represented that State in a National Convention, and its influence in favor of Blaine's nomination will be a very strong one. The New-Hampshire delegation may not be instructed, but the Blaine men expect to get it, as they probably will that of Vermont after it has complimented Senator Edmunds, unless Edmunds's movement should develop strength in other parts of the country. The Blaine sentiment is also strong in Massachusetts, but seems to lack organization. The Grant men are very diligently at work in that State, and, strange to say, seem to be making some headway.

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In New-York State there seems to be a sort of tacit understanding between the friends of Secretacit understanding between the friends of Secretacity understanding the friends of Secretacity understandin tary Sherman and those of Senator Blaine that they will not interfere with each other, but will unite their influence in the State Convention to prevent the passage of a Grant resolution, and in this they expect to succeed; although it must be admitted that, to an outsider tolerably familiar with the polities of the State and frequently in contact with Re-publicans from all parts of it, it seems more likely that Senator Conking will control the Convention and mould its action in accordance with his own

man is still making material progress, and will at least divide the delegations beyond the Potomac with General Grant.

A Blaine club will be formed by Republicans in this city to-morrow evening. Prominent Republi-can Congressmen from different States have consented to act as vice-presidents.

#### GRANT'S STRENGTH AT CHICAGO. OBSERVATIONS OF A SPECIAL TREASURY AGENT-HE THINKS GRANT WILL NOT HAVE ENOUGH VOTES

TO MAKE THE NOMINATION SURE. A Special Agent of the Treasury, who is constantly

on the wing and travels over a large portion of the country, and who takes a lively interest in politics, as most special agents do, was asked yesterday by a TRIBUNE reporter some questions as to his re-" Is Grant going to get the whole Southern vote

in the Chicago Convention ?"

"By no means. The Southern Republicans are naturally for him, but many of them are under per sonal obligations to Sherman, and will work for him earnestly. Sherman will have votes from Virginia North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas. He may not have an entire State dele gation, but he will pick up a good many votes here and there throughout the South."

Will Blaine get any Southern votes ?"

"A few, but not nearly so many as Sherman." " Hew will the New-England States go ?" "I am not certain of Massachusetts. Vermont is

for Edmunds on the first ballot. All the rest will " Have you sampled New-Jersey?" "Oh, yes; I know all about New-Jersey. It is a

Grant State, through and through." What about Indiana ?" "There will be a divided delegation. Since Mor-

"There will be a divided delegation. Since Morton died there is no Republican in the State strong enough to solidify the party and manage it. I think rather more than belf the delegation will be for Blaine, and the rest for Grant."

"Do you count lilinois as solid for Grant?"

"No; I don't believe he can get the whole delegation. Blaine will divide it with him. As to Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and the States further West, Grant can't touch them. They are all for Blaine."

Blaine."
"What, then, is your estimate of Grant's probable strength in the Convention?"
"Four-fifths of New-York and Pennsylvania, all of New-Jersey, part of Indiana and Illinois, and the creater part of the Southern vote."
"That would not be enough to nominate him."
"Well, one thing you can depend on. By the 15th of May Grant will know exactly how many votes he has in the Convention, and if he has not enough to win he will withdraw. He is not going into a scrub race to take his chances."

#### RECONCILING THEIR DIFFERENCES. BARMONY AMONG THE REPUBLICANS OF KINGS

COUNTY. The meeting which the Kings County Republican General Committee held Thursday evening, and which lasted until 1 a. m. yesterday, was regarded as important, inabmuch as the virtual reconciliation of about. One of the factions has been controlled by General Jourdan and ex-Sheriff Daggett, and with the other City Works Commissioner Worth, Police Commissioner Leich, Auditor Ammerman and others have been prom ly identified. Commissioner Worth lives in the eath Ward, which be controls politically, and the delegates to the General Committee recently elected

from that ward were friendly to him. A contesting delegation, however, laid its claims before the General Committee, and a committee was appointed to make an investigation. It was known that this committee's report was to be made Thursday evening, and that the majority of the committee would recommend the un-

seating of the Worth delegates. The minority report favored the rejection of the claims of the contestants. There was much ively and aerimonious debate, and at length Mr. Worth was given the privilege of the floor. He suggested that the matter be sent back to the Ward Association, and that a committee of the General Committee be appointed to supervise the revision of the roll book. This was adopted, and it was ordered that a new primary election should be held under the supervision of the committee.

This action was favorably commented upon yesterday, and it was said that it would insure complete harmony among the Republicans of Kings County. Mr. Worth said that Governor Cornell had recently insisted upon the reconciliation of the opposing factions in the county as a necessary step before Kings County would receive such recognition as it was entitled to. It is believed that Mr. Worth will be elected a delegate to the State Convention. He is in favor of Grant's nomination.

### LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY IN JERSEY CITY.

The Lincoln Association of Jersey City had a dinner Taursday at Taylor's Hotel in honor of Lin-coin's birthday. About 150 persons were present. among them several New-Yorkers of prominence. The toast to "The Memory of Abraham Lincoln" was responded to by B. W. Throckmorton, who, in the course of his remarks, said:

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Mr. Lincoln's reclection to the office of Chief Executive of the Nation, by a majority larger than has ever be n given for any President, showed the estimation in which the people then held him, and scaled the downfall of the Rebellion. Scarcely had he entered upon his second term of office ere Lee surrendered to the greatest military genius of the age, and the days of armed treason were numbered. The Nation was beside itself for very gladness. We all remember how, like boys let out of school, the whole loyal people leaped and shouted in the very excess of their exuberant emotion; and, alsa! we all remember, too, how from the very mountain height of exuitation and joy, without one note of warning, the Nation was cast down into the lowest abyss of bitter sorrow. An assassin's bullet had robbed the Nation of the life of Abraham Lincoln.

It was on the evening of the 14th of April, the anniversary of the surrender of Sunter. Mr. Lincoln is seated in the private-box of a theafre he reluciantly attended only because the people expected him. The assassin enters the box, pistol in one hand, dagger in the other. He raises the pistol above the chair of the President and shoots him in the head, shouting at the same time Virginia's ancient motto, "Sic semper tyrannia." He leaps from the box to the stage below; fails, but regains his feet, faces the perified andience, and brandishing his dagger, exclaims: "The South is avenged!"—and rushes to the rear of the stage and makes his escape. But for one incident, powerful in it suggestiveness, he might have escaped cetection and casioned by his spur catching, as he leaps from the box, in the folds of the American flag festooued across the front. May that flag ever cause, as it always has caused, the dowafall of trastors.

#### REPUBLICAN DISTRICT MEETINGS. The XVIIIth Assembly District Republican

Association met last evening in Glass Hall. Twenty-two names were proposed for membership.

The XXth District Republican Association met at No. 154 East Fifty-fourth-st., and received a letter from the XVIIth District Association with a request to join

At the meeting of the XXIst District Republican Association, Dr. Whitman V. White occupied the chair in the absence of the President, Jacob Hess. About 105 names were put on the roll of membership. On motion of Major Willard Bullard a resolution was passed instruct-ingelie delegates of the district to the Republican State Convention to present the name of Jacob Hess for dele-gate to the Republican National Convention.

#### THE MOVEMENT FOR A SHERMAN CLUB. The meeting of the friends of Secretary

Sherman at Delmenico's this evening promises to be larger gathering than that of Wednesday evening last. Samuel A. Haines said yesterday that he had received a pressing their sympathy with the movement, and promising to be at the meeting to-night.

UNANIMOUS FOR GRANT. TROY, N. Y., Feb. 13 .- The Republican dele gates from this city, the 1st District of Reposelaer County, are James L. Thompson, James F. Ashley and John H. Campbell—a solid Grant delegation. They have been instructed to yote for the Hon. John M. Francis as delegate to the National Convention.

THE WISCONSIN CONVENTION CALLED. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 12.-The Republican State Central Committee has issued a call for the State Convention to meet at Madison on May 7 to choose twenty delegates to the National Convention and ten Presidential electors.

THE SECOND ALBANY PRIMARIES. Albany, Feb. 13 .- At the second Republican

FOR MAYOR OF SYRACUSE. Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 12.-The Republicans have nominated Francis Hendricks for Mayor.

### GREAT RAIN IN THE OHIO VALLEY.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 13 .- It has rained almost incessantly since 5 o'clock yesterday evening, and part of the time quite heavily. The Ohio River is rising rapidly along the whole line from Pittsburg to Caire. The rainfall here from the time it commenced vesterday until 10:30 o'clock to-night is reported by the Signal Service observer as \$28100 inches.

& Louisville, Ky., Feb. 13 .- At 5:20 this afternoon the wind's average velocity was forty-two miles per hour, blowing from the southwest. Within the last six hours the temperature has Iallen 21°, read-ing at 3 o'clock 56°, and at 9 o'clock to-night, 35°. The total rain fall for the day is 180 100 inches, for forty-eight

At Frankfort, Ky., the river is rising at the rate of a foot an hour. The lower part of that city is flooded and before morning the water will be in the State-House yard. The rise in the river was never known to be so

### ENTHUSIASM AT THE SAND LOT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.-The Assembly to-day passed a bill to enforce the clause of the Consti-tution is regard to the employment of Chinamen by a vote of 73 to 2, and the Governor promptly signed it. The Sand Lot meeting greeted the news with prolonged cheers. The Workingmen's committee were told by President Stanford, of the Central Pacific Railroad Company, that the company would respect the laws as con-strued by the Courts. The president of the Selby Smelting Works bluntly said that he considered the law un-constitutional, and would not obey it until the United States made him submit.

# A COMPLIMENT TO MISS NEILSON.

TORONTO, Feb. 13 .- An address signed by many leading citizens was presented to day to Mis-Neilson, asking her to revisit Toronto before leaving for Europe.

# TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

A LIBEL SUIT ENDED.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 13.—A verdict for \$850 was endered to day in the libel suit of Christian Schempp against the Chicinnal Commercial.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 13.—The ship Nuncio, from N. B., Feb. 13.—The ship Nuncio, from the ship Nuncio, grow the ship of the ship Nuncio, grow the ship Nun

tained, arrived bere yestering. Adverse winds detained her.
WELCOMING A RISHOP.
MONTREAL, Feb. 13.—The return of Bishop Fabre
from Rome was celebrated to day by a pro-ession to the
Church of Notre Berne, where a civic was presented to him.

THE MERCANTILE AGENCY CASE.

NEW-ORLEANS, Feb. 13.—R. G. Dun & Co., of the
Mercantile Agency, have taken steps to appear against the
verdict of \$1.000 recently recorded against them for an alleged misreport.

A CANADIAN ELECTION,
MONTREAL, Feb. 13.—The Hon, J. J. C. Abbott
was yesterday elected in Argentenii County to fill the vacancy in the Dominion Parliament caused by the unseating of
Dr. Christie.

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ST. LAWRENCE RIVER ICE ROADS.

MONTREAL, Feb. 13.—Owing to the mild weather he be roads across the St. Lawrence River are becoming income. The traffic on the railway across the ice has been uspended for the present.

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ENTHUSIASTIC TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 12.—At the session of the
State Temperance Convention to-day Governor Davia deduered an address. The session has been one of the most enthusiastic ever held by the Maine Temperance Convention. HEAVY EXPENSE DUE TO AN INDISCREET JUROR BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 12.—The new trial of William Bucholz, the murderer, will take place on Tuesday next, Bucholz was convicted of murder in the first degree, but the verdict was set aside on account of an indiscretion of

a jurer.

STORM RAVAGES.

Long Branch, Feb. 13.—The amount of damage done to the hotel and cottage property from Highlands to Point Pleasant by the resent storm is now estimated at \$70,000. Hundreds of carpenters have been brought here this week to repair the bayon made by the late storm.

NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1880. AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

# THE INDIANS-COMMITTEE WORK.

BRIGHT EYES BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE-INVESTIGATION OF THE INDIAN BUREAU-THE

Bright Eyes and Standing Bear were before the Senate Committee yesterday, and explained the white man's methods of dealing with the Indians. The committee of the Board of Indian Commissioners is making progress in the inves tigation of the Bureau. Secretary Sherman does not approve fully of the new refunding bill.

THE WAY THE WHITE MEN DO. BRIGHT EYES AND STANDING BEAR ASTONISHED-THE PONCAS REMOVED AGAINST THEIR WILL-THE BUREAU INVESTIGATION.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.) Washington, Feb. 13.-When Bright Eyes was being examined by the Senate Committee to-day a paper, signed by fifty-seven Ponca Chiefs and heads of families, addressed to the Great Father and asking in a formal manner to be removed to the Indian Territory, was shown to her. The first signature

was that of White Eagle. "Why," said she, "this is remarkable. White Eagle has told me a dozen times that he never signed any paper of the kind. Never in any way

signified his wish or willingness to be removed," Standing Bear was questioned in regard to the paper. A smile of surprised incredulty stole over his face as the document was read to him, and some very brief but emphatic opinions were expressed by him in his own dialect. When it was concluded his words were translated: "That's the way the white men always do. They say one thing and write another."

He was asked to explain his understanding of the document he did sign. He said the Agent returned from Washington and proposed to them to remove to the Indian Territory, They said: " No: if we move at all we will go to the Omaha Reserva-The Agent kept urging and at last they had a council and talked the whole matter over. They decided that they would not move at all and they told the Agent so. The Agent therenpon made a paper containing, as they supposed, their refusal to remove, and they signed it.

Mr. Tibbles was examined. He was asked what in his opinion was the real motive for the removal. 'To get the appropriation of \$40,000, I think,' said Mr. Tibbles. "I can see no other motive. The Poncas supplied their own transportation and rations for the journey," he continued, " and I can't see how it cost the Government a cent."

Acting-Commissioner Brooks then asked to have a letter from Agent Kimball put in evidence in which the writer says that \$5,000 was paid out for transportation, and \$250 for feed and forage while on the journey, all accounted for on certified vouches. Bright Eyes thereupon asked Standing Bear how often wood was issued during the trip. "Only once," was the reply. "The rest of the time we picked up sticks on the roadside." "How often did they issue forage I" "Not once," answered the Chief, promptly.

It is expected that Kimball, the agent who secured the removal of the tribe, will be examined

The Committee appointed by the Board of Indian Commissioners to examine into the administration of the Indian Bureau, are hard at work in the performance of that duty. It is understood that they have already found some faults, and there is no doubt that these will be promptly corrected. It appears that the committee has discovered that the prejudices of the late Commissioner were so strong that many persons who had business with the office were treated with great harshness and injustice. Such persons could not get their bills approved or their accounts adjusted. Within the last day or two several claims, which have been pigeonholed for a year or two, for no apparent reason except that Mr. Hayt did not like the claimants, have been taken up and adjusted.

Mr. Frewbridge, of Michigan, is being urged by Commissioners to examine into the administration

up and adjusted.

Mr. Trowbridge, of Michigan, is being urged by one member of the Board of Indian Commissioners for the vacant Commissionership. The other members of the Board and others who are familiar with the subject, think no harm will be done by delaying the appointment for some time.

AN APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PROTEC-TION OF OURAY, COLORADO, FROM THE INDIANS.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.-Governor Pitkin, Colorado, accompanied by the delegation in Congress from his State, had an extended interview with the President this morning in relation to the unprotected condition of the whife settlers in the town of Ouray. Governor Pitkin presented petitions from the people of the exposed section for troops, and also presented his own written opinion in regard to the question. The subject was brought before the Cabinet to-day,

and was fully discussed. The situation of affairs was described to be as follows: The town of Ouray is in that portion of Colorado known as the Uncompangre Park. It is surrounded upon all sides except the north by mountains which are impassable for troops or supplies at this season of the year. On the north, a few miles distant, is the border of the Ute Reservation; and through the reservation runs the only road by which these people can be reached. Los Pinos, the headquarters of Ouray's Indians and the present camping ground of a large number of the White River Utes, lies exactly upon the road which troops and supplies must take to reach the settlers troops and supplies must take to reach the settlers in the Park. The Ute outbreak last Fall served to prevent them from getting in supplies for the Winter, and they are now represented as being threatened not only with a war of externmation with the outnumbering Utes, but also with starvation. The President and several members of the Cabinet appeared anxions to afford relief, but Secretary Schutz asked that nothing be done until he could hear from General Adams, which he hoped to do by Monday. The whole subject was referred to the General of the Army, to report upon the practicability of sending troops and supplies to these people.

People.

It is teared by the President that any movement of troops by way of Los Pinos will result in another affair like that of White River, and that the measures taken to protect the settlers will be the means of their destruction.

#### REFUNDING THE DEBT. CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Washington, Feb. 13 .- A sub-committee of the Ways and Means Committee waited on the Secretary of the Treasury this evening to receive his suggestions as to the form in which the new refunding bill should be east. It appears that Secre tary Sherman does not indorse that part of th committee's bill which relates to the issue of \$200,000,000 in Treaspry notes. It will be remembered that the proposition, as agreed to by the committee, was that \$200,000,000 of the 5 and 6 per cents should be refunded in Treasury notes bearing 4 per cent interest, and payable in one, two, three, four and five years, in equal instalments of forty millions each. The Secretary is of the opinion that these Treasury notes should all be redeemable at the pleasure of the Government at the expiration of two years from the date of their issue, and payable ten years from their date; but that not more than forty millions of them should be paid in any one year after they are redeemable, the particular bonds to be paid to be ascertained by lot.

#### THE INTEROCEANIC CANAL. GENERAL BURRETT AND GENERAL PILE BEFORE THE SELECT HOUSE COMMITTEE.

IGENERAL PRESS DISPATCH. Washington, Feb. 13.—General W. B. Burett, of New-York, made an argument to day before the Iouse select Committee on an Interoceanic Canal, in grounds that it would be the most practical and econ omical to construct. He argued that the United States should take the initiative in the work.

General Pile, a gentleman familiar with South American countries, stated briefly, on invitation of the com-

mittee, his views with respect to the commercial bearings of such an enterprise. He urged the of having the canal under the control of an American ompany and under the protection of the United

company and under the protection of the United States; believing if the control were allowed to rest in the hands of foreigness, that a valuable trade would be diverted to foreign countries.

General Pile also Stated that the enterprise is of vast importance to the commercial world, and that the importance to the commercial world, and that the States ought not to assume the position of the surjy dog which would neither eat hay nor allow the hungry ox to eat it. He said that the effect of the agitation of the question before the American Congress would probably be to defeat the De Lesseps scheme. If practical and efficient direction was not given to the subject we would be placed in the attitude of doing nothing ourselves, and at the same time preventing others from entering upon and prosecuting to completion the great undertaking. Such an attitude would subject us to the just ridicule and criticism of the entire commercial world. General Pike not having concluded his remarks when the committee adjourned, he was requested to appear again next week.

#### WASHINGTON NOTES. WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 13, 1880.

The President has approved the bill authorizing the conversion of National Gold Banks.

At to-day's meeting of the Senate Committee on Territories, Mr. Vest, from the sub-committee, submitted a

Wm. P. Fiero, Assistant United States Attorney at New-York, appeared before the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to-day and advocated the passage of the bill now pending before Congress pro-viding for the erection of a National prison for crim-inals convicted of any offences against the United States, and under the present laws imprisoned in Jalis and penitentiaries of the States and Territories.

### GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

### NEW GERMAN MEASURES.

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 13, 1880. Prussia has presented, in the Bundesrath, a bill prohibiting foreign vessels from engaging in the The draft of the bill for the prolongation of the anti-Socialist law shows that it is proposed to extend its operation to the 31st of March, 1886.

Referring to the opening of the German Reichstag The Times says: "As long as nations are unable to devise any improvement in the maintenance of their mutual relations it is idle to compian of the continuous increase of armaments, and unjust to regard the measures adopted with this object as necessarily inconsistent with peaceful intentions."

#### SPAIN DECLINES TO RULE THE MOORS.

In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, Premier canovas del Castillo, replying to an interpellation, stated that the Government would not receive the petition brought by the Kabyle Chiefs from several thousand Moors, asking to be placed under allegiance to

Spain.

He added that it had been arranged that representa-tives of the Powers should hold a conference on the affairs of Morocco, which would probably take piace in Madrid, and would be lighly beneficial to Spain.

#### THE REICHSTAG'S NEW OFFICERS.

BERLIN, Friday, Feb. 13, 1880. In the Reichstag to-day, Count von Arnim-Boytzenburg was elected President of the Chamber, receiving 154 out of 244 valid votes. Herr von Bennigsen received eighty-ine votes. Herr von Ben-nigsen received eighty-ine votes. Herr Frankenstein, of the Centre, was elected flist vies-president by 164 votes-eighty-two blanks having been cast in addition, and Herr Hoelder, National Liberat, was elected second vice-president by 149 votes, with eighty-two blanks. Herr Hoelder has not yet arrived in Berlin, and it is not known whether he has accepted the office.

#### THE IRISH VOLUNTEER BILL.

LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 12, 1880. Irish Volunteer tall, Mr. Biggar (Home Ruler, Cavan, has banded to the Clerk of the House the following amendment: That, in view of the fact that Governamendment: That, in view of the fact that dovern-ment prosecution is now hanging over several earnest and true Iri-hmen for advocating in a temperate man-ner the amendment of the inquities of the land laws, it is not desirable to put such power into the hands of the Excentive as is proposed by such bill, and that it be read a second time this day six months.

### CONCEDING AMERICAN PROGRESS.

In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Wheelouse (Conservative, Leeds), moved the appointment of select committee to consider the commercial relations

### TRYING TO SETTLE THE GREEK CLAIM.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Friday, Feb. 13, 1880. France has asked England to bring forward

### DEFYING BRITISH SENTIMENT.

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 13, 1880. The Daily News says: "We understand that Dean Stanley has informed the memorialists who prosted against the erection of a monument to the late-race Louis Napoleon in Westminster Abbey that the oject has been irrevocably determined upon, though it not likely to be carried out immediately."

#### GENERAL GRANT SAILS FOR MEXICO. HAVANA, Feb. 13.-General Grant and party sailed at 5 o'clock this afternoon for Vera Cruz on the steamer City of Alexandria. The same authorities who

him to the steamer and took cordial leave. General The party spent one day on the plantation of Las Canas, and left there last night, starting from La Union station at 10 o'clock, on a special train. Half an hour later the engine struck a cow, and the train went off the track, luckily without serious consequences. The fire-

THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

### OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 12.-The second session the Fourth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada pened at 3 o'clock to-day, with the usual ceremomes.

FOREIGN NOTES. LONDON, Friday, Feb. 13, 1880. The British bark Stormy Petrel, Captain Dwyer, from Leith January 29 for New-York, has put into Plymouth with her pumps broken.

The American ship Corsica, Captain Henry, from this port January 31 for New-Yers, has put into Falmouth with the loss of her j-bosom and cutwater, having been in collision. She is considerably damaged. In the House of Lords to-day Earl Granville asked

whether Lord Beacousfield, by his recent statements, meant that no decision had been arrived at regardin. Herst. Lord Beaconsfield replied that it would wait lead to misconception if he went beyond the absolut statement that Her Majesty's Government had not rereleased Persia from her engagement not to occup. Herat.

## CRIMES AND CASUALTIES-BY TELEGRAPH.

COUNTERFEITS CIRCULATING.

QUEBEC, Feb. 13.—A number of counterfeit \$10
illis on the Dominion Back are in circulation here.

RILLED BY THE CAUS.

PEMBERTON, N. J., Feb. 13.—Willard Freeman of Newtown, while attempting to board a train this morning at Contreville, fell beneath the cars and was instantly killed A TRAIN PALLS THROUGH A BRIDGE.

DAYION, Ohio, Feb. 13.—A train on the Dayton and Southeastern Railroad fel through the first bridge west of Chillicothe this morning, instantly killing Whiliam Couners, the et gincer, and Frank Knecht, the firman.

dered, but no arrests have yet been made.

LIGHT ON A DARK DEED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Brown, the wife of the man found mursteret here hast Friday, to day made a confession that Joseph Wade, her paramour, committed the crime. He said that how corney him to the need and that he would take care of her during life. Wade is to jail and denies that there is any truth in Mrs. Brown's confession.

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A RAILBOAD OBSTRUCTION.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Feb., 13.—A train on the New York and Long Branch Line recently struck a He which was lying on the track. No one was injured. The railroad people say that possibly the tie inlight have fallen from a construction train passing over the road during the night. The cutter detective force of the road is at work endeavoring to solve the mystery.

A FAIR AND FULL EXPRESSION. THE CHOICE OF THE CAMERON COMMITTEEMEN THEMSELVES-THE TRIBUNE'S CANVASS OF THE PUBLICAN COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE-

Below will be found the result, so far as it has yet been obtained, of a canvass of all the Republican Committeemen, county and township, of Pennsylvania, as to their first and second choice for President. These first replies to a circular sent out by THE TRIBUNE show an overwhelming proference for Senator Blaine, who is the first choice of 216 out of 267 committeemen whose responses have thus far been received. Over 2,000, however, are yet to be heard from.

#### SENATOR BLAINE'S LONG LEAD. THE FIRST CHOICE OF 216 OUT OF 267 ACTIVE WORKING REPUBLICANS.

Immediately after the disputed and indecisive result of the Harrisburg Convention, The TRIBUNE determined to ascertain what the real choice of Pennsylvania for the Presidency was. The trouble with ordinary canvasses is that there is no certainty that the men whose opinions are asked are really representative men. To avoid this it was resolved to get expression direct from the men whom the Republicans in each locality had put upon their local committees. Under the Cameron domination it was presumed that these would naturally be mainly Cameron men. Nevertheless they are necessarily the active, representative Republicans of their respective localities; and it was clear that their choice would be that of the working party organization; while their number (embracing committeemen in every township in every county in the State), made it reasonably cer-tain that the response would give a fair key to the general spontaneous sentiment of the State and preclude the possibility of a mere elique utterance. There are about 2,600 of these committeemen throughout the State. An official list of them was secured, and to each one the following circular was sent :

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OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK TRIBUNE, 
NEW-YORK, Feb. 10, 1880.

DEAR SIR: Will you please give us for THE TRIBUNE on the inclosed postal card your first and second choice for President of the United States? 
Your name will not be used if you make a request to that effect on the card. Your answer by return mail will much oblige Yours truly.

The Tribune, New-York.

The men to whom this circular was sent are, of ourse, the active working Republicans of Pennsylvania, and each one of them must know accurately the political sentiment of the community in which he lives. Up to yesterday afternoon 267 replies had been received, of which the following

# For Grant...... 40 For Cookling..... For Cameron.....

whatever terse observations each correspondent chose to make. In these responses two points are especially noteworthy: first, the expression of preferences is remarkably frank; second, the promise to withhold any name if the writer desired has been scrupulously kept, scarcely any of the responses appear unsigned. The publication of replies to THE TRIBUNE'S circular will be continued on successive days, as the replies

## FOR BLAINE.

Northumberland: First, Blaine; I do not wish to be understood by this that I am not for Grant it nominated; I am a Bepublican and nothing clee, but Grant can afford to stop just now; I don't ske to see him spoil the best record ever made by man. Hiram Young.

Buckingham: First, Blaine; and I do not care who knows it; second, Wassiburne; Bucks and Montromery Counties are almost solid for Braine. James C. Id-n. Bethlehem: First, Blaine; second

Hollidaysburg: First, Blaine; second, Grow. R. J. Media: First, Blaine; second, Windom or Washburne; Delaware County is for Blaine. Joseph G. Cummins. Fernwood: First, Blaine; second, Washburne. Hart Sterr.

Alba; First, Blaine; second, Sherman, George H. Susquehanna: First, Blaine; second, Edmunds. M. B Wright.

Honesdale: First, Blaine; second, Blaine; and with ne are ninety-vine-one-hundredths of the Republicans of Wayne County. Wm. H. Lee. Lewisburg: First, Blaine; second, Washburne, J. Mifflinburg: First, Blaine; second, Sherman. Robt J. Mitchell. Miffinburg: First, Blaine; second, Washburne (2012) W. Schoch, office of The Telegraph.

George W. Schoon, office of *The Telegraph*.

Hartleton: First, Blaine; second, Vice-President Wheeler, J. O. Glover. West Chester: Flist, Blaine; second, Garfield. John A. Groff. Cowan: First, Blaine through thick and thin (forty West Grove : First, Blaine ; second, Washburne. S. K. Abbottstown: First, Blaine; second, Grant. Wm.

Mont Alto: First, Blaine; second, Grant. W. Reyolds, Summit: First, Blaine; second, Blaine, and all the ime. C. J. Painter.

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Patterson: First, Blaine; second, Blaine; the majority want no rhird-term man. John Fooreman.
Upland: First, the Maine gladiator, Blaine, a sentiment echoed by every Republican entizen in town; second, Blaine; in fact, the Maine Senator all the time. Pine Grove: First, Blaine; no second choice. No Grant men here. The masses want Blaine. Reuber

Easton: First, Blaine; second, Conkling, Jacob B. Heller. South Easton: First, Blaine; second, Washburne, or any good Republican that is regularly nominated; no buildozing. William N. Scott. South Easton: First, Blaine; second, Washburne.

Lincoln University: First, Blaine; second, Grant. Josiah Cope. Pine Grove: Pirst, Blaine; second, Blaine; we are all Blaine men here; have no Grant men. F. E. Strees. Easton: First, Blaine; second, Washburne. F. L. Trovell. Gibraltar: First, Blaine; second, Washburne. B. B.

White Haven: First, Blame; second, Sherman, W. Allentown: First, Blame; second, Sherman, Ephrain

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Catasauqua: First, Blaine; second, Washburne.

Grant never. James P. Wmt.

Watsontown: At a meeting of Republicans the following was the result of the vote taken: First, Blaine.

40; Grant, 1; second, Sherman, 34; Grant, 5. I. M.

Follmer, chairman.

Hollidaysburg : First, Blaine; second, Sherman. No third term. P. W. Sayder. Watsontown: First, Blaine; second, Sherman. I. M. Follmer, chairman. Lewisburg: First, Blaine; nine-tenths of the county

THE VOICE OF PENNSYLVANIA are for him, notwithstanding the Harrisburg machine; second, Washburne; county divided on second. Thos. C. Thornton, M. D.

Pottaville: First, Blaine; second, Suerman. John M. Pott, Plainfield: First, Blaine; second, Sherman. Abner Maryaville: First, Blaine: second, Sherman: Grant cannot get the party vote here by one third. G. W. Eppley, P. M.

Chester: First, Biaine; second, Washburne; nine-ten-is of our people are for Blaine, and our delegate to Chicago is so instructed, as also to disaggard the unit rule. O. C. McClure, Secretary Co. Com. Phoenixville: First, Blaine; second, Washburne, P. G. Carey. White Haven: First, Blaine; second, Logan. Wm. H. Scott.

Nonquehoning: First, Blaine; second, Washbusne; Grant under no circumstances; out of eighty Republican voters here there are about ten who favor Grant, Alonzo F. Cothy.

Pottsville: First, Blaine; second, Garfield. George W. Kennedy. Tamaqua: First, Blaine, of Maine; second, Sherman, of Ohio; Blaine is the choice of the Republicans in this section of our county. Wallace Goss.

South Berthelem: First, Blaine; second, Washburne; no third term. J. Evans.

Catasauqua: First, Blaine; one term only. D. A. rombler, jr. Huntingdon: First, Blaine; second, ---. J. G.

Gettysbn: g: First (and this is the choice of nine-tenths of Republicans in this county). Blaine, of Maine; second, Washourne, of Illinois. D. C. Buchlen, Eattor star and Sentinel. Yardleyville: First, Blaine; second, Washburne. Jos, R. Csmiy.

West Chester : First, Blaine; second, Grant. G. L. B. Reading: Pirst, Blaine; second, Wasaburne. Samuel Watkins. Bethlehem: First, Blaine; second, Washburne. Geo. Anewalt.

Concordville: First, Blaine; second, Washburne, B. J. Heyburn. Kennett Square: First, Blaine; second, Sherman, William W. Polk,

Macungle: First, Blaine; second, Sherman. A. Sing-Macungle: First, Biaine; second, Sherman. A. Singmaster.

Lancaster: First, Biaine; second, Conkling or Washburne. It is not extravagant to say that Luncaster City and County, if permitted to speak, would declare in favor of Biaine by a vote of at least four to one against the field. And this sentiment has been intensified by the recent action of one County Committee. Its chatman was an accidental delegate four years ago—as alternate to Colonel Dickey who diedwhere he basely betrayed his constituents. As a sequel to the betray at of 1876, he retused to call the committee together to order a primary election under the rules of our party in the county, usuff it was too late to held such election in time for our late State Convention. And on the pretext of want of time the committee—racked for such purposes—proceeded to elect cight delegates to the convention, six of whom voted directly against what they must have shown were the sentiments of their constituents. Can a party continue to hye and thus studiously ignore the well-known will of the people? J. W. Johnson.

Allentown: Out of Lehigh County's 5.600 Republican voters General Grant cannot muster 200 favoring his nomination, and not more than 3,000 who would vote for nim even it he were nominated. With promotly the exception of a few hundred, the Republicans of this county are enthusiastically a unit for the type and hero of the day, James 6, Blaine. Their second choice varies as between Etimunds, Washburne and Sterman, in proportion of about one-half, one-third and che-sixth respectively. Any of these would receive the full party vote. William P. Snyder.

Beaver Falls: This town has been thoroughly can-vassed, and is strong for Blaine. The question as to sec-ond choice has not been asked, but the indications are that Gra-t is the last choice. My son, who is a partner with me in business, is also for Blaine first, last and al-ways. C. W. May.

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New-Hope: In a Republican vote here in this berough of about 130 there is but one third term man to my knowledge; and it the action of the Republican Convention at Harrisburg is not somewhat monified at the Chicago Convention, and if Grant should receive the nomination, it will be very hard work to get Republicans to vote for bim here in Emstern Pennsylvania. Such is my opinion to-day. Give us Bladne, and victory will follow. J. S. R.

Calusauqua: Through this section of the country Blaine is the favorite by 15 to 1 for Grant. I judge the nomination of Blaine is equal to an election, while I doubt whether Grant would be elected if nominated. There are many influential Republicans that will positively not support or vote for Grant, while they will support any other Republican candidate. James P. Wint.

Bedford ; Our first choice, El due ; our second, Blaine. Inquirer."

James Creek: First, Blaine; second, Cameron, M. Theys. Middlenurg: First, B'alne; second, Blaine; no third term for any one. J. S. C. Guickens. term for any one. J. S. C. Guictons. Gettysburg: First, B aine; second, Garfield. Edw'd G. Fahnestock. Bellefente: First, Blaing; second, my good Republican except Grant, Thus. R. Hayes, M. D. Beech Creek: First, B'alor; second, Sherman. Nine-tenths of all the Republicans are for Bearing in this sec-

Lacyville: First, Blaine; second, Grant. J. E. Ed-Corry : First, Bluine : second, Grant. S. T. Andrews, Fleming Centre: First, Blaine; second, Washburne, owen Underwood. Coff e Run: First, Blame; second, Grant. Harris

Annyalle: First, Blaine; second, Grant. We in Liberty Cunty are emphasically for Blaine, but if we caund have finine we will indorse Grant or any other good men that will carry the States of New-York and Indiana. Grafion: First, Blaine; second, Sherman. Dr. R. Myers. Parkesburg: First, Blaine; second, Washburne, A. Hanover: Pirst, Blaine; second, Sherman, R. M.

Danville: First, Blaine; second Washburne. Sam'l York : First, Blaine : second, Blaine. H. F. Coon. Tryonville: First, Blaine: second, Sherman. David Centreville: First, Blaine; second, whoever is nom-nated at Chicag: June 4, 1880. Lock Haven: First, Blaine; second, ---. John Mo

Julian: First, Blaine; second, Sherman. Blaine is the hoice of Center County. D. W. Kline. Altoona : First, Batne ; second, Washburne. David & New-Brighton: First, Blaine; second, Grant, H. M. Ridgway : First, Blaine ; second, Blaine, H. H. Wensel

Cannonsburg: First, Blaine; second, Washburne, M. D. Mellyame. Driftwood; First, Blaine; second, Sherman. F. A. Blackwell. Renovo: First, Biaine; second, Conkling. Robert Beaver Falls: First, Blaine; second, Garfield, Charles W. Mar. Beaver Fails: First, Blaine; second, Garfield. James W. Edgar.

Lundy's Lane: First, Blaine; second, Washburne, Thomas Osborn, jr. Conneautville: First, Blaine; second, Garfield. John Montoursville: First, Blaine: second, Sherman. This town is almost ananimous for Blaine, Wm. Mendenhall, Jehnstown: First, Blaine; second, Garfield. J. N. Fisher. Lock Baven: First, Blaine; second, Grant. G. T.

Liverpool: First, Blaine; second, Washburne. M. Liverpool: First, Blaine . second, Washburne. S. M. Dillingersville: First, Biaine; second, Grant. P. W. Maytown : First, Blaine. John F. Johnston.

Abbetstown: First, Blaine; second, Grant. Henry York: First, Blaine; second. Edwunds or Garfield, or thy man to beat Grant. R. E. Cocaran. F.ectwood: First, Blaine; first, last and hil the time; are all the Republicans in Ficetwood. C. A. Mes

Caester City: Chester is full of Blaine men; our first choice is Blaine all the time. Nathan Pennell, E. Har-vey, Jr. L. L. Lukens, E. L. Lukens, J. P. Lukeus, W. C. Pennell, L. L. Lukens & Co.

Carwensville: First, Blaine; I am sure the sentiment of the majority of the people is not for Grant in this lo-cality; second, Hancock. R. Wilson McNaul. Shoemakersville: First, Blaine; second, Wasblurne; U. S. Grant and Blaine, of Maine, would sweep the country from Oregon to Maine. Win. F. Burkhart.

South Bethlenem: First, Blaine; second, Conkling; and so the majority will go in this county; in this town all except two Republicans are for Blaine. James J. Ethmonies.

Edmonds.

Allentown: First, Blaine; second, Washburne. Out of 203 votes cast at at a ward nonimation in this city, Blaine received 136, Grant 22. Waiter L Jones.
Shiremanstown: First, Blaine; second, Saerman. Samuel Saopp, jr.

Mechanicaburg: First, Blaine; second, Washburne; Cumberland County strong for Blaine. E. C. Gardner.
Linglestown: First, Blaine, and the voters to general in this vicinity are for him. A. B. Coble, M. D.

Benver Falls: First, Blaine; second, Blaine. D. O. O.

Gettysburg: First, Blaine; second, Edmunds, al